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SUBJECT: ILO CONFERENCE: TURKISH DEMARCHE REGARDING
RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS.

REF: GENEVA 3175 (NOTAL)

1. TURKISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR VISITED DEPARTMENT MAY 30 ON
INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH
WORKERS' DELEGATES OF CYPRUS AND HUNGARY HAVE SUBMITTED FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE IN JUNE. HE
INDICATED THAT SIMILAR DEMARCHES BEING MADE OTHER COUNTRIES
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INVOLVED IN ILO. RESOLUTION, INTER ALIA CONDEMNS TURKEY FOR

ITS ACTIONS ON CYPRUS AND CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ILO COMMITTEE "TO INVESTIGATE CONSEQUENCES ON HUMAN AND TRADE RIGHTS OF TURKEY'S CONTINUED REFUSAL TO IMPLEMENT UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS."

2. EMBASSY COUNSELOR SAID THIS RESOLUTION WAS A PROPAGANDA EXERCISE, POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, AND WOULD NOT HELP ATMOSPHERE FOR PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS. HE ALSO REQUESTED US COOPERATION IN HELPING TO PREVENT RESOLUTION FROM BEING DISCUSSED IN RESOLUTION COMMITTEE AND, IF THAT WERE NOT POSSIBLE, IN WORKING FOR A MORE ACCEPTABLE TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AGREED THAT THIS TYPE OF POLITICAL RESOLUTION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES WERE GENERALLY UNHELPFUL BUT THAT AS LONG AS SITUATION ON CYPRUS WAS NOT LEGITIMIZED THROUGH SOME KIND OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT, THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS NOTED THAT EACH DELEGATION IS COMPOSED OF ONE LABOR AND ONE MANAGEMENT DELEGATE AS WELL AS TWO OFFICIAL DELEGATES, THAT THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONTROL VOTES OF NON-OFFICIAL DELEGATES, AND THAT ON MANY OCCASIONS IN THE PAST PRIVATE US DELEGATES HAVE VOTED DIFFERENTLY FROM THE OFFICIAL DELEGATES.

4. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SAID THAT FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DRAWN UP. HOWEVER, OUR PRELIMINARY APPROACH IS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE AND UNHELPFUL RESOLUTIONS WHICH MIGHT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT, IF SOME KIND OF RESOLUTION WERE NECESSARY, WE WOULD WANT ONE WHICH WAS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED. OUR OFFICIAL DELEGATES WILL BE ARRIVING IN GENEVA SHORTLY AND WE WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA ABOUT WHAT TACTICS TO FOLLOW AFTER THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO TAKE SOUNDINGS ON SENTIMENTS EITHER FOR OR AGAINST A RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS. INGERSOLL

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